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Jobs Up in Most Metro Areas in October

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan Area	October 2023*	October 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	4.0%	3.3%	0.7
Carbondale-Marion	4.4%	3.8%	0.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.2%	3.4%	0.8
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.4%	4.5%	-0.1
Danville	5.7%	4.6%	1.1
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	4.9%	3.4%	1.5
Decatur	6.1%	4.9%	1.2
Elgin	4.7%	3.9%	0.8
Kankakee	5.8%	4.8%	1.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.5%	3.5%	1.0
Peoria	4.9%	4.0%	0.9
Rockford	6.1%	4.9%	1.2
Springfield	4.2%	3.7%	0.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	4.3%	3.6%	0.7
Illinois Statewide	4.5%	4.2%	0.3

* Preliminary | ** Revised

SPRINGFIELD – Over-the-year, total nonfarm jobs increased in eleven metropolitan areas and decreased in three for the year ending October 2023, according to data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (DES). Over-the-year, the unemployment rate increased in thirteen metropolitan areas and decreased in one.

“With consistent gains in payroll jobs, jobseekers and employers continue to find new opportunities to land their next jobs and fill open positions,” said **Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. “Further investments in workforce development throughout the state, coupled with the employment resources provided by IDES and its partners, continue to provide a strong foundation for the Illinois labor market.”

The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Danville MSA (+3.0%, +800), the Elgin Metro Division (+2.2%, +5,900), and the Springfield MSA (+1.6%, +1,800). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro were up +0.7% or +26,200. Total nonfarm jobs were down in

the Kankakee MSA (-1.1%, -500), the Decatur MSA (-0.8%, -400), and the Rockford MSA (-0.8%, -1,200). Industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Government (thirteen areas); Education and Health Services and Leisure and Hospitality (eleven areas each); and Other Services (nine areas).

The metro areas with the largest unemployment rate increases were the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL MSA (+1.5 percentage points to 4.9%), the Decatur MSA (+1.2 percentage points to 6.1%), and the Rockford MSA (+1.2 points to 6.1%). The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metropolitan Division unemployment rate fell -0.1 point to 4.4%.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) - October 2023

Metropolitan Area	October 2023*	October 2022**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	99,000	98,600	400
Carbondale-Marion MSA	59,300	58,900	400
Champaign-Urbana MSA	124,200	122,900	1,300
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,841,000	3,814,800	26,200
Danville MSA	27,800	27,000	800
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	186,800	186,100	700
Decatur MSA	48,700	49,100	-400
Elgin Metro Division	270,500	264,600	5,900
Kankakee MSA	43,300	43,800	-500
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	423,000	421,900	1,100
Peoria MSA	173,300	172,100	1,200
Rockford MSA	147,500	148,700	-1,200
Springfield MSA	111,200	109,400	1,800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	242,500	240,500	2,000
Illinois Statewide	6,205,900	6,141,700	64,200

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